

REMARKS

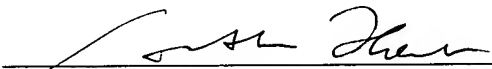
Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-13 remain pending, and have been provided with the appropriate status identifier as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 25, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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